

Everglades

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Everglades National Park



Gulf Coast Ranger-Guided Programs Jan. 18, 2014 through April 19, 2014

Activities are free of charge, unless noted. Reservations are only needed for specified programs.

Activities	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Nature Walk – 8:30 am (1 hour). Learn about the plants and animals of the area. Meet in front of the visitor center.						●	
Nature's Notebook Boat Tour – 9:30 am (1½ hours, fee charged). Become a citizen scientist and help us conduct research by identifying and counting the birds and other animals we see while learning about the mangrove estuary on the boat tour. Through simple yet critical observations of bird species, numbers, and location, you will help us identify trends in populations. Watching these numbers over time will show whether populations are increasing, decreasing, or remaining stable. Program is included as part of the Ten Thousand Island Boat Tour ticket.						●	
Canoe Explorations – 10 am (4 hours). With a ranger as your guide, paddle through the Ten Thousand Islands to look at wildlife and mangroves and learn about the park's natural and cultural history. If tide and weather allow, trip may include a short walk on an island. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent one. Call 239-695-3311 to make reservations (up to 14 days in advance).	●			●			●
Bike Tour – 10 am (2 hours). Learn about the history of Everglades City and its surrounding area. Bring your own bike or rent one. Bike helmets are required for participants under age 16 . Meet at the visitor center. *Program begins January 23.			*		*		
Ranger Talk – 11 am & 2 pm (20 minutes). Join a ranger for a short talk on Everglades ecology, history, and environmental issues. Wheelchair accessible. ♿	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Afternoon Canoe Trip – 2 pm (2 hours). With a ranger as your guide, paddle along the shoreline near the visitor center and look for wildlife and learn about the park's natural and cultural history. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent one. Call 239-695-3311 to make reservations (up to 14 days in advance).					●	●	
Nature Walk – 4:15 pm (35 minutes). Learn about the plants and animals of the area. Meet in front of the visitor center.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Boat Tours - offered every hour from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (1½ hours, fee charged). Discover the Ten Thousand Islands of the Gulf Coast. Concession operated boat tours are narrated by a naturalist. Offered every day, year round.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

(More programs and information are listed on other side.)

Please note, regular programs (except boat tours) will **not** be held on March 29th & March 30th in order to celebrate Calusa Days.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

Everglades Activities

S M T W T F S

A Beginner's Guide to Saltwater to Fishing

Are you new to fishing or just want to get a refresher? Join the rangers to learn about the saltwater fish of SW Florida, how to identify fish, how to cast, and how to throw a cast net.

Stop by between 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Fun for all ages.

Jan. 18	Feb. 1
Feb. 8	Feb. 23
Mar. 15	Apr. 6

Estuary Exploration

Do you know that over half of all Americans live near an estuary? Come learn what makes estuaries so full of life and environmentally unique. Join a Park Ranger and discover the place where waters meet.

Stop by between 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Family Fun Activity.

Saturday, Jan. 25
Saturday, Feb. 15
Sunday, Mar. 16
Sunday, Apr. 13

Where the Wild Things Play!

Can you run as fast as an American alligator? Can you leap as far as a Florida panther? Come join us for Everglades Wildlife Olympics and family fun activities open to kids of all ages!

Stop by between 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Family Fun Activity.

Sunday, Jan. 19
Sunday, Feb. 2
Monday, Feb. 17
Saturday, Mar. 8
Saturday, Apr. 12

On Your Own Activity:

Tamiami Trail Triathlon

Explore 3 different areas of the Everglades in 3 different ways: Bicycle the 15-mile loop at Shark Valley. Hike 3 miles of trail from the Oasis Visitor Center in Big Cypress National Preserve. Paddle roundtrip from the Gulf Coast Visitor Center in Everglades City to Sandfly Island in the Ten Thousand Islands. Complete all three activities and earn a decal and the title “*Tamiami Trail Triathlon Finisher*.” Bring your own bicycle, canoe/kayak, or rent one. This activity does not have to be completed in one day. Stop by the Gulf Coast, Oasis, or Shark Valley Visitor Centers for more information.




Shark Valley



Big Cypress




Gulf Coast



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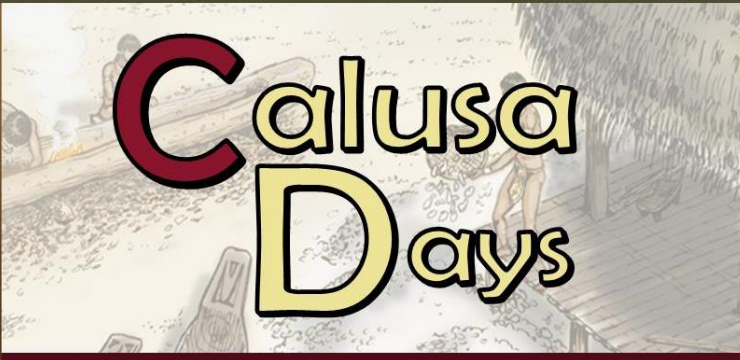
March 29 – 30, 2014

Gulf Coast Visitor Center
Everglades City, Florida



Dig up the past and discover
a lost civilization.

Everglades National Park is
celebrating Archaeology Month
with Ranger Led Canoe Tours,
Atlatl Throwing, an
Archaeology Dig, making
Calusa Masks, Boat Tours to
Calusa shell mounds, and More!



Calusa Days

Join the rangers in the Everglades for fun activities for all ages.

Call for more information: 239-695-3311

Come Explore the Lost World of the Calusa Indians

